

Jesus Makes an Impression
Matthew #144
Matthew 22:23-33

The Sadducees were a very conservative, legalistic, and absolute literalist. They based their theology on the literal interpretation of the Law of Moses. Politically both the Sadducees and the Pharisees supported Rome since the protection of their wealth and status depended on the emperor.

In answering the question Jesus points out three things:

1. God's transforming power.

The resurrection is not merely a reawakening or a restoration back to natural life but is a transformation of the physical body where corruption puts on incorruption and mortality puts on immortality.

2. The Resurrection in the Abrahamic Covenant
(Dan 12:1-2; Isa 26:19; Job 19:25-26; Ex 3:4-6 and Heb 11:17-19)
3. God has a living relationship with the patriarchs; therefore, He cannot leave them dead.

From the account here and Luke there were three responses

- They multitudes were astonished; they never looked at Exodus 3 that way before.
- Pharisees were impressed; Jesus had given them new ammunition for their resurrection debates with the Sadducees
- Sadducees were silenced.

The missing response –